

Mrs. Raines' Puzzles

QWIRL & CHURN

**FOR ADULTS WITH A SENSE OF HUMOR
and linguists with none**

Finding Churn and Qwirl Terms

Find search words/expressions placed in **box**, **cascading Z**, **diamond**, **heart**, **spiral/reverse spiral**, **stair step**, **triangle**, and **zigzag** patterns.

Boxes (rectangle & square) - any length and width.

Cascading Z(s) must be complete. Two or more Zs will interlock evenly. Directions: up-down, down-up, sideways, backward (including spelling).

Diamonds, hearts and triangles almost always have unused letters in the center. First letter can be anywhere in the shape, then travel CW or CCW. Hearts and triangles can face any direction.

Spirals/reverse spirals - CW or CCW, coiling around themselves, letters touching, no gaps. When in-to-out, second letter can occur anywhere adjacent to the first (straight above, below, sideways, or diagonal if 9 letters or less). Out-to-in = reverse spiral. Square or rectangular in shape.

Stair steps - double-lettered steps found in Gone Qwirls only. Any direction.

Zigzags - only diagonals. Any length, width, direction. No backtracking. Often uneven; on rare occasions may be evenly stepped with single letters.

BAE BEAST (box/square)

DIAMONDS (*diamond*)

NINCOMPOOPERY (CCW *reverse spiral*)

BUMFUZZLING
(cascading ZZs)

RECTANGLE FUN
(box/rectangle)

ITSA QWIRL
(CW spiral, 9 letters)

B	U	M		T	A	N				
	F			C		G		R	L	T
U	Z	Z		E		L		I	I	S
	L			R		E		W	Q	A
I	N	G		N	U	F				

HABROMANIA
(sideways heart)

VERBARIAN
(zigzag)

STAIR STEPS
(Gone Qwirl only)

				V						
				E						
	N	I			R		S	T		
A		A		B			A	I		
M	H			A			R	S		
O		A			R			T	E	
R	B					I			P	S
					A					
				N						

Notes

- Some terms are **cannibals**. First and last letters are the same and may share a cell. Otherwise adheres to patterns above. Example, ROSA RIPPER (CCW spiral):

P	P	I
E	R	R
O	S	A

- Occasionally a 'cannibal' may intersect itself elsewhere. You'll figure it out 🤔

- Words/expressions may **overlap** each other on grids by one or more letters.
- **Answer keys** - **blue** terms overlap with **yellow** terms (and sometimes other **blues**) at **green** letters. Solitary words are generally shades of **pink**, **red**, **purple**, or **orange**.
- **Recommended:** **underlining** and **circling terms** works well, as does marking with different colors and highlighters. Many letters are re-used, so crossing out them can get messy.
- Some **Qwirl** (but not Churn) words and expressions are **figmentacious**. Any resemblance to curses or your bank password is purely coincidental.

Definitions



Shaped-words searches:
Find listed terms in grid. No straight lines.



Crossed-words searches:
Solve the clues, find shaped answers in grid.

Are you ready?

Some Churn and Qwirl puzzles have **extra words** that allow you to unlock secret **phrases**, **poems**, and/or **freebies**.